

REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action dated April 19, 2004, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nokia 6100 User's Guide, 9351506, Issue 2 (Nokia). Claims 11-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nokia in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,167,429 (Mercer).

By the present response, Applicant has canceled claim 6 without disclaimer. Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 7, 9 and 11 to further clarify the invention. Claims 1-5 and 7-10 remain pending in the present application.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nokia. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Nokia discloses a User Guide for a Nokia 6110 phone that includes information to help an owner of the phone use and understand the phone. Information regarding what is new with the phone, physical attributes of the phone, basic functions of the phone, phone book functions, menu functions and reference information regarding the phone is disclosed.

Regarding claims 1 and 3, Applicant submits that Nokia does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of each of these claims of, inter alia, a method or hand portable communication terminal for handling reminders that includes an alert unit that alerts when a clock reaches an entered date and time for a reminder, where a reminder application allows the user to transmit a reminder to a

remote second communication terminal via a wireless communication network. The Examiner asserts that this limitation is disclosed in Nokia at page 53, col. 2, lines 1-4. However, this portion of Nokia merely discloses that a calendar menu allows a user to send a note as a text message (SMS) and key in a recipient's phone number. This is not transmitting a reminder to a remote second communication terminal via a wireless communication network based on the alerting, as recited in the claims of the present application. An SMS is not a reminder as it is not activated at a specified time. Nokia merely discloses a user accessing a menu and scrolling down to select a note. This is not providing real time clock information, comparing the time information with the real time clock information, alerting when the real time clock has reached the reminder time, and transmitting a reminder to a remote second communication terminal via a wireless communication network based on the alerting, as recited in the claims of the present application.

Regarding claims 2, 4, 5 and 7-15, Applicant submits that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 1 and 3 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted regarding these independent claims. For example, Applicant submits that none of the cited references disclose or suggest where the reminder application allows the user to save or discard a reminder received from a remote second communication terminal, or where the reminders are transferred via the wireless communication network included in a message according to the Smart Messaging Specification.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Nokia does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of claims 1-10 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

35 U.S.C §103 Rejections

Claims 11-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nokia in view of Mercer et al.

Mercer et al. discloses service access using limited set of characters that includes using a server to provide access to a plurality of unrelated types of services, to a user communicating from a remote terminal to the server, by detecting a service access command sent from the user, the service access command comprising an indication of a service type, the service access command having a syntax which uses only alphanumeric characters, or “#” or “*” characters. By having a server that understands commands in a form having a syntax using a limited set of characters, service access from telephones or terminals with smaller keyboards becomes easier.

Applicant submits that claims 11-15 are dependent on independent claim 3 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted regarding this independent claim. Mercer et al. does not overcome the substantial defects noted previously regarding Nokia. For example, as noted previously, none of the cited references disclose or suggest the reminders being transferred via the wireless communication network included in a message according to the Smart Messaging Specification.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that none of the cited references, taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 11-15 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-5 and 7-15 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing attorney docket no. 1030.40541X00).

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